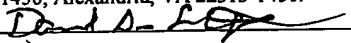


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Request for Extension of Time under 37 CFR
1.304(a)(3)(ii) to File a Notice of Appeal

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Dear Sir:

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board") rendered a decision in the above-captioned matter on October 20, 2005. The decision was mailed to the Appellant on November 14th, 2005. Accordingly, the original 60-day deadline for filing a Notice of Appeal with the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("Director") and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ("Federal Circuit") expired on January 13, 2006.

Appellant hereby requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.304(a)(3)(ii), that the Director extend the deadline for filing the Notice of Appeal from the original deadline of January 13, 2006 until today, January 18, 2008, or a time in the future agreeable to the Director due to the following "excusable neglect."

On the original deadline of January 13, 2006, a Notice of Appeal was timely filed (via hand delivery) with the Federal Circuit. A courtesy copy was also sent on the same day, by Federal Express overnight delivery, to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. However, due to administrative error, the Express Mail package intended for delivery to

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This request for an extension of the deadline, due to the above-described excusable neglect, is being made the same day that the administrative error was discovered. Accordingly, Appellant requests that the deadline to file the Notice of Appeal be extended to today, January 18th (or some later date agreeable to the Director) and that the attached Notice of Appeal be considered as timely filed under 35 U.S.C. § 142 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.304.

If you should have any questions or request additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
GENENTECH, INC.

Date: January 18, 2006

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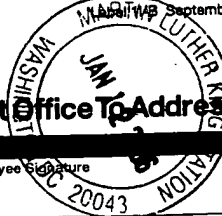


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